

Declaration for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled EXTRUDED EARPLUGS WITH PRINTED INDICIA the specification of which

(check [X] is attached hereto.  
one)

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
			[ ]	[ ]
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of an United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the

prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)

(patented, pending,  
abandoned)

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)

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abandoned)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Volker R. Ulrich, Reg. No. 24,748; Mary E. Porter, Reg. No. 33,440; David Bennett, Reg. No. 28,821; Mike W. Crosby, Reg. No. 40,970; Richard L. Sampson, Reg. No. 37,231.

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**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS**

WHEREAS the undersigned inventor/s, **Volker R. Ulbrich**, has/have made an invention or discovery described and set forth in an application for U.S. LETTERS PATENT identified by SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE PLASTICS CORPORATION docket no. **M-3849A/1146.004** and entitled **Extruded Earplugs with Printed Indicia** executed prior to or contemporaneously with said application, and

WHEREAS SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE PLASTICS CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having its principal place of business at Worcester, Massachusetts, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the invention or discovery described therein and in and to any and all LETTERS PATENT that may be issued thereon in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and in any foreign country:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar and other valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor/s hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the said SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE PLASTICS CORPORATION and its successors and assigns the entire right, title, and interests in and to said application and the invention or discovery therein described, together with the entire right, title, and interest in and to all LETTERS PATENT, including reissues, divisions, renewals, continuations and continuations-in-part or other derived applications thereof which may be obtained in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA upon said invention or discovery, and the entire right, title, and interest in and to all applications for LETTERS PATENT in all countries foreign to the United States and all LETTERS PATENT issued thereon, including the right to claim for any corresponding foreign application the priority of the said application.

The undersigned inventor/s hereby authorize and request the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA and the corresponding Officers of Foreign Governments to issue all LETTERS PATENT granted thereon in accordance with this assignment.

First inventor signature

Witness

Date October 4, 2001

Second inventor signature

Witness

Date

Third inventor signature

Witness

Date

Fourth inventor signature

Witness

Date